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SUBJECT: 1998 MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT, MAY 12, 1998, HONOLULU,
HAWAII, PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND GUESTS - SPECIAL
EVENTS.

HONOLULU DIVISION HAS OPENED CAPTIONED CASE TO INITIATE
PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1998 MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT BEING HELD IN
HONOLULU, HAWAII. THE PAGEANT WILL BE HELD AT THE SPECIAL
EVENTS ARENA (STAN SHERIFF ARENA) ON THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
CAMPUS IN HONOLULU, HAWAII, ON MAY 12, 1998. THE CORONATION

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ANY VIOLATION OF APPLICABLE LAW.

THE PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS IN THIS EVENT ARE EXPECTED TO LEAVE HONOLULU, HAWAII, ON OR ABOUT MAY 13, 1998, THE DAY AFTER THE PAGEANT.

NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT WOULD SUGGEST THAT THIS EVENT IS TO A TARGET; HOWEVER, SUCH A HIGH PROFILE EVENT SUCH AS THIS HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE A TARGET. HONOLULU DIVISION IS MONITORING THIS EVENT CLOSELY.

RECEIVING OFFICES AND LEGATS ARE REQUESTED TO CANVASS ALL LOGICAL SOURCES FOR INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ANY THREATS AT THE PAGEANT, OR ANY EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE PAGEANT ON MAY 12, 1998.

POSITIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THREATS TO THE CAPTIONED EVENT SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REPORTED TO THE HONOLULU DIVISION. THE POINT OF CONTACT IS SA [REDACTED] AT (808) 521-1411.

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THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS FOR LOSING, AND OTHERS HAVE RECEIVED OVERNIGHT NATIONAL CELEBRITY STATUS FOR WINNING THIS PAGEANT.

AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL TO HAWAII IN LATE APRIL, 1996, THE CONTESTANTS WILL APPEAR AT NUMEROUS PUBLIC RELATIONS EVENTS. THESE EVENTS WILL INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, A PARADE THROUGH THE CITY OF HONOLULU, HAWAII, DINNER AT THE HAWAII STATE GOVERNOR'S MANSION, AND INTERVIEWS WITH NUMEROUS MEMBERS OF THE WORLD PRESS.

ACCORDING TO THE SPONSOR, AT PAST EVENTS AT LOCATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES, DEMONSTRATORS HAVE BEEN PRESENT, BOMB THREATS HAVE BEEN MADE, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN IN PHYSICAL ALTERCATIONS WITH EACH OTHER. AT ONE EVENT OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES A BOMB WAS FOUND ON THE STAGE. AT PAST MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANTS, STALKERS HAVE BEEN PRESENT AND PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE CONTESTANTS.

HONOLULU DIVISION, IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND CERTAIN U.S. MILITARY ELEMENTS, WILL MONITOR THE CAPTIONED EVENT IN ORDER TO DETECT, DETER, PREVENT, AND RESPOND TO ANY TERRORIST ACT OR

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BALL WILL FOLLOW THE PAGEANT LATER IN THE EVENING AND WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW HONOLULU CITY CONVENTION CENTER.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE PAGEANT WILL ATTRACT APPROXIMATELY 6,000 SPECTATORS TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS ARENA AND WILL BE VIEWED BY APPROXIMATELY 600 MILLION INDIVIDUALS WORLDWIDE, SOME OF WHICH WILL BE VIEWING IT LIVE DEPENDING ON THE VIEWERS REGIONAL TIME ZONE. THE CORONATION BALL WHICH FOLLOWS ATTRACT APPROXIMATELY 1,600 DISTINGUISHED INDIVIDUALS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

THE 80 CONTESTANTS AND THEIR CHAPERONS, TOTALING MORE THAN 110 INDIVIDUALS, WILL ARRIVE IN HONOLULU BETWEEN APRIL 25-28, 1998. THE CONTESTANTS ARE FROM NUMEROUS COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE, APPROXIMATELY 12 OF WHICH COUNTRIES EITHER ARE AT WAR OR HAVE HOSTILE AGGRESSIONS AGAINST EACH OTHER. IN ADDITION TO THE CONTESTANTS, NUMEROUS EXECUTIVES FROM VARIOUS COMPANIES WORLDWIDE, AMBASSADORS, DIPLOMATS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, AND MAJOR CELEBRITIES WILL BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TIME.

FOR MANY COUNTRIES THEIR CONTESTANT REPRESENTS THEIR NATIONAL PRIDE AND THEREFORE THIS EVENT IS TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY. SOME CONTESTANTS IN THE PAST HAVE BEEN SHUNNED BY